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THE REHEARSAL Of Obſervator, &c.

1. *The* Weather-Cock *Fixt.*
2. *Some* Materials *Reſpecting the* Vindication *of* Sandwich.

From **Saturday** June the 9th. to **Saturday** June the 16th. 1705.

Country-m. IN my laſt I told thee, That I took that *Story* in the *Review*, about the *Weather-Cock* on *Merton-College*, without Examining, as he ſet it down. Becauſe even as he ſet it down, it Return'd full upon him; *Firſt*, That the *Fact* was *Falſe*, as he himſelf Put it. And *Secondly*, That if it had been *True*, the whole *Malice* and *Seditious* Application, was Purely and Solely his own.

I have ſince had a further Account of it, from the ſame Hand wrote the Account I Publiſh'd N. 43. which is as Follows. Dated *Oxon* June 6. 1705.

Sir, According to your Deſire, I went this Morning to MERTON COLLEGE, *to view the* WEATHER COCK *lately Erected on the Hall, and upon the Warden's Summer-Houſe. They are ſo low that they may be Diſtinctly view'd. And now I affirm from my own knowledge, what I acquainted you of before by Information from others, and particularly from the Gentlemen of that Society. The* WEATHER-COCKS *there have the* FOUNDER'S *Arms on both ſides, without any* MOTTO; *And no other has been Erected in that College for many Years. The Gentlemen of that Society ſtill inſiſt that the Suggeſtion of the* REVIEW *is a Groundleſs and Malicious Scandal in every part of it. But for further Confirmation, take the* CERTIFICATES *of the* WORK-MEN, *which they willingly ſubſcrib'd in my Preſence.*

OXON June 6. 1705.

" *Theſe are to Certify, That I* HENRY " *WILLGOSS of OXON Painter have wrought* " *at MERTON COLLEGE above theſe Twenty* " *Years laſt paſt; and that within theſe* " *Twelve Months laſt paſt I Painted the* WEA-" *THER-COCK on the Summer-Houſe in the* " *Garden of the Worſhipful the Warden of that* " *Society, with the Arms of the* FOUNDER " *on both Sides, and with no other Arms; ac-*" *cording to the Order of Mr.* Warden *and the* " *Burſer of that College. And that I never* " *Painted or ſaw any* WEATHER-COCK, " *Painted with the* QUEENS ARMS, *in that* " *College, Neither do I know of any* WEATHER-" *COCK Painted with the* QUEENS-ARMS, " *or Order'd to be Painted with the* QUEENS-" *ARMS in the College aforeſaid, by any other* " *Perſon whatſoever. Witneſs my Hand.*

HENRY WILLGOSS.

OXON June 6. 1705.

" *Theſe are to Certify, That I* THOMAS " *WILLGOSS of OXON Painter, have wrought* " *at MERTON COLLEGE as a Painter un-*" *der my Father* HENRY WILLGOSS *for theſe* " *Twenty Years laſt paſt. And that I* THOMAS " *WILLGOSS within theſe three years laſt paſt* " *Painted the* WEATHER-COCK *ſet upon the* " *HALL, with the ARMS of the* FOUNDER " *of that College, on both ſides (being a Field* " *Or 3 Chevrons Counter-Chargeable Azure and* " *Gules) according to the Order of the Burſer* " *of that College. And that I never Painted* " *or ſaw any* WEATHER-COCK *Painted with* " *the* QUEENS-ARMS *in that College. Nei-*" *ther did I ever hear of any* WEATHER-" *COCK Painted with the* QUEENS-ARMS, " *or of any Order to Paint the* QUEENS-" *ARMS on a* WEATHER-COCK *for that* " *Society by any other Perſon whatſoever.*

" *Witneſs my Hand the Day and Year,*
" *firſt above Written.*

THOMAS WILLGOSS.

Theſe *Certificates* are Approv'd by the *Fellows* of the *College.*

Obſ. What Care I for *Review*? Thou know'ſt there is *War* betwixt him and *John Tutchin.* He has Promis'd to clear that matter of the *Weather-Cock*, if thou giv'ſt him any further Occaſion. Now let him look to himſelf, under Peril of being the *Author*, *Inventer* and *Contriver* of that *Scandalous Reflection* upon her *Majeſty*, and the *Clergy*, and *Gentlemen* of *Oxford* as he calls them

(2.) But now I come upon thy Bones, for thy *Baſe*, *Falſe* and *Villanous* Story of *Sandwich.* To which an *Anſwer* is *Printed.* And all that thou haſt ſaid is utterly deny'd, in what is call'd *A Vindication of the Corporation of* SANDWICH, &c.

Country-man. No. Not all that I have ſaid. Nothing is Deny'd of the ſinging the *Inſtrument*, Approving the *Murder* of the *King*, And, wiſhing for his *Hyde* to make a Pair of *Bootes*, &c. Theſe Pretty loving *Strokes* are Paſt over in *Silence*!

Obſ. Come leave thy *Dallying*, and *Evading*. Anſwer to what is *Deny'd*. It is *Deny'd*, that *John Branch* nam'd the *Queen*, with the *Jacobites* and *French King*. And it is ſaid, There are thoſe will *Swear* it.

Country-m. Then it muſt be thoſe that did not *Hear* it. For which Reaſon, and becauſe of the Noiſe of this *Swearing*, in the following *Affidavit* the *Diſtance* Mr. *Elſted* (to whom the Words were ſpoke) and this *Branch* were from any *Company* is ſo Particularly ſet down. The Original *Affidavit* is in my Hands. And is as follows.

" *Thomas Elſted* of the Town and Port of " *Sandwich* in the County of *Kent* Gent. one " of her Majeſties *Juſtices* of *Peace* for the " ſaid Town maketh *Oath*, That on *Friday* " the *Eleventh* Day of *May* laſt, being the " next *Day* after the *Election* of *Burgeſſes* to " ſerve in *Parliament* for the ſaid Town of " *Sandwich*, one *John Branch* of the ſaid " Town *Grocer*, a Profeſt *Independent*, and " Brother in Law to Sir *Henry Furneſs* one " of the ſaid *Burgeſſes*, overtook this Depo- " nent in his way from *Deale*, full three " and thirty *Rodds* (as this Deponent finds " it by Admeaſurment) without and from " the Gate belonging to the ſaid Town " call'd *Sandown-Gate*, and this Deponent " and the ſaid *John Branch* then and there " falling into Diſcourſe about the ſaid " *Election*, this Deponent told the ſaid *John* " *Branch* he did Believe Sir *Henry Furneſs* " won'd not ſtand, upon which the ſaid " *Branch* anſwer'd in a Paſſionate manner, " *That in Spight of QUEEN ANNE, and all* " *the JACOBITES in ENGLAND, and the* " *FRENCH KING he ſhou'd ſtand.* And this " Deponent further ſaith, That at the time " of the ſaid Diſcourſe there was no Perſon " (as this Deponent cou'd ſee, except one " *Jacob Silver* of *Sandwich* Sadler, who " Rode by this Deponent ſome time after " the Words were ſpoken by *Branch*, and " *Branch* himſelf parted and gone from this " Deponent) nearer to him and the ſaid " *John Branch* than the ſaid Gate call'd " *Sandown* Gate, where ſtood one *George* " *Molland* a Taylor and one or two more " Mechanicks to Receive the ſaid Sir *Henry* " *Furneſs* on his Return alſo that Evening " from *Deale*, where he went that Day to " Dinner (as this Deponent was Inform'd) " neither were there any other Words paſ- " ſed between this Deponent and the ſaid " *Branch* till this Deponent came to *San-* " *down-gate*, where he found the ſaid *Branch* " (being on Horſe-back) faced with his " Horſe towards *Deale* and Company with " him who ſtopt the Paſſage into the Gate " ſo that this Deponent cou'd not paſs thro' " till the ſaid *Branch* had turn'd his Horſe.

THO. ELSTED.

Jurat per Supradict. Thom. Elſted *apud*, Sandwich *predict. Septimo die* Junij *Anno Dom.* 1705. *coram me* W. Verrier. *uno Juſticiar. Pacis de* Sandwich *predict.*

Obſ. But what ſay'ſt thou to the *Flag of Colours*, about which the *Vindication* of *Sandwich* ſays ſeveral *Affidavits* are made to contradict the Story thou told'ſt.

Country-m. Theſe *Affidavits* are not ſet down, ſo we know not what to ſay to them, but here is one in my Hand, which I think ſpeaks home to the point, and is as follows,

" *Joſeph Hunger* of the Town and Port " of *Sandwich* in the County of *Kent* " Inholder, and *George Broad* of the ſame " Bricklayer, do Joyntly and ſeverally make " Oath, That on the Tenth day of *May* laſt " paſt, being the day of Electing Burgeſſes " to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Town " of *Sandwich*, there was beſides ſeveral o- " ther Flags hung up that day, in Honour " of Sir *Harry Furneſs* and Mr. *Burchett*, a " certain Flag hung up at the Ana-bap- " tiſts Meeting-houſe, in the Market-place, " and near the place of Election, whereon " was Decipher'd the Old Common- " Wealth-Breeches, with the Crown Re- " vers'd under them, and a Bullet at every " corner, which theſe Deponents do take " and believe to be a Flag by the Length " and Breadth of it, belonging to a Troop " of Horſe in the time of *Oliver Cromwell's* " Uſurpation, and preſerv'd ever ſince, by " one *Francis Hook*, who cauſed the ſaid " Flag to be hung up and appear'd very " brisk (altho' near if not altogether Eighty " years of Age) in the Market place, at " the time of the Election with a Scarf, or " Saſh about his Middle: And theſe Depo- " nents further ſay, That they took parti- " cular notice of the ſaid Flag. And that " the Flag, which the ſaid *Francis Hook* hath " ſince produced to the Mayor of the Town " Pretending and Swearing it to be the " Flag he hung up at that time, was not " the Flag theſe Deponents ſaw, unleſs " the Breeches, or other parts of it deci- " pher'd as aforeſaid, were taken out, and " made up again with other Cloath or Stuff.

Jurat per Supradict. Joſephum Hunger & Georgium Broad *ſecundo die Junij An. Dom.* 1705. *apud Sandwich predict Coram me.* Tho. Elſted. *uno Juſticiar. Pacis de* Sandwich *predict.*

Joſeph Hunger.

George Broad.

Obſ. Haſt thou no more *Affidavits* as to this matter?

Country-m. Is not this enough? but I can tell thee, ſeveral others can be had to the ſame purpoſe, but ſome are not willing to Expoſe themſelves to the *Fury* of a *Party*, unleſs there be abſolutely *neceſſity* for it. And here is ſufficient for thy *Clubb* to *chew* the *Cud* upon till our next meeting; I being now in Haſt.

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